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As the rising cost of living continues to put pressure on household budgets, CAB is offering free advice on what people are entitled to.

It is running through the national campaign the Big Energy Saving Week.

Advice on offer will include the best deals for energy suppliers, how to switch tariffs and how to insulate your home to reduce energy usage.

By taking action to check, switch and insulate home owners could save £325 from insulating their house.

An average of £100 could also be saved by changing payment for bills by direct debit.

A total of £200 could also be saved by switching energy suppliers.

Trish Carpenter, Bureau Manager of Southend CAB, said during Big Energy Saving Week we will be helping energy costs down.

She said: "The rising cost of living means that more and more people are finding that their household budgets won't cover day to day essentials.

"We're keen to make sure that no-one pays a penny more than they need to on energy costs. There are practical things that people can do to reduce their energy bills and help ease financial pressure."

A stall will be set up in the Asda store, at Shoeburyness, between 11am and 2pm.

Consumers can also get help and advice online at www.bigenergysavingweek.org.uk.

ENRGY WEEK: Kieran Wasdell and Trish Carpenter fro Southend CAB who will be advising residents about saving energy

Photo by Mark Cleveland

MOTHER'S DELIVERY ORDEAL

Hospital pays out after death of premature baby

By Paul Giles

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A MOTHER has won damages from Southend Hospital after it failed to save her premature son.

Tracey Godwin, 34, from Southend, gave birth to Tom at 22 weeks and two days in 2010. He died in her arms 46 minutes later.

Ms Godwin had called for medics to do everything possible to keep Tom alive but no staff qualified to make that decision were present.

The hospital has a policy of only incubating new born babies after 23 weeks, in line with national guidelines.

The hospital's own policy states a paediatrician can use discretion to save a 22-week-old baby.

Tracy went into labour at Southend Hospital on Thursday March 4 2010. Her waters were broken by the midwives with a pair of scissors on the Saturday. Tom was born weighing just 1lb.

Ms Godwin began to ask why there was no incubator in the room, but no hospital consultant or paediatrician was there to assist the two

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There are number of great speakers currently confirmed including double Olympic gold medalist and adventurer James Cracknell on the Telegraph Travel Stage and Sean Conway, who became the first person to swim the length of Britain from Land's End to John O'Groats via Ireland will be talking on The Climb and Adventure Stage. They'll be joined by a host of other mountaineers, adventurers and travellers, all with fantastic stories to tell. All talks will be free of charge to visitors upon entry to the show.

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New jobs boost for paramedics

- ‘Front-line vacancies’ open up in busy Essex ambulance area
- Recruits will get full-time wage on two-year training course

HUNDREDS of jobs have been announced in Essex by the East of England Ambulance Service.

The service aims to recruit 400 student paramedics to fill ‘frontline vacancies’ across the region – with Essex being the busiest county. The paramedic training programme takes two-and-a-half years to complete, during which students receive a full-time wage.

New chief executive Dr Anthony Marsh announced the recruitment drive as part of his ‘pledge’ to tackle criticism and inspections that showed the service was failing patients. “This programme will secure new employees for the service who will learn on the job and in the classroom.

“It is a great opportunity for anyone who has thought of becoming a paramedic; helping people in the community, sometimes in their greatest hour of need.”

Dr Marsh said all successful participants will be offered full-time contracts.

“While this may be an ambitious target, it means we will have a whole lot of fully qualified paramedics on the road responding to our patients in the future.”

He added: “This is a really exciting opportunity for people who want to work with us and who want to care for patients almost straight away.

“We will be giving students vital hands-on experience throughout the course, and offer of a job at the end of it.”

As well as recruiting new students, the service is continuing to recruit graduate paramedics plus qualified technicians and paramedics. If you are interested in becoming a student paramedic, get further information and register at www.jobs.nhs.uk. You can also follow @EEAST_Jobs on Twitter for updates.

SIGN UP! Dr Anthony Marsh has announced hundreds of paramedic vacancies in Essex

Warning as bogus cops cheat OAPs

THREE elderly people have been defrauded of more than £12,000 by thieves posing as police officers.

They are the latest victims in a scam that since January 1 has seen 21 attempts to steal from elderly people across Essex.

On January 15 a man in his 80s in Canvey lost £5,000, on January 21 a man in his 90s at Leigh was tricked out of £5,000 and on January 23, a woman in her 70s from Westcliff was the victim of a £2,000 fraud.

All the victims received calls from men claiming to be Met Police who said they were investigating bank account fraud. They asked their victims to provide bank cards or cash to be used for forensic examination.

The cards and cash were collected by couriers using cabs from local taxi firms.

DS Neil Hudson said: “Elderly people are still being tricked by these despicable thieves so it is important that everyone is always on guard.”

Tricksters call their targets several times in an attempt to convince them. Another ploy is to ask people to call back or to call their bank to verify claims that their accounts have been infiltrated. But the conmen stay on the line so when the victim starts a fresh call to what they believe is a police station or a bank, it is the very same tricksters they are talking to.

The police’s Operation Seaford team has made a number of arrests. Anyone with information should contact the team at Grays on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Phone scam advice...

- Police will never ask for your PIN
- If you think you have been a victim, call police FROM A DIFFERENT NUMBER
- If you don’t have another phone, use a neighbour’s, or wait five minutes before dialling 101 or 999 (if urgent)

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Traffic affected by gas works

GAS main replacement works by National Grid Gas in Manners Way, will lead to traffic restrictions.

Work started on Monday, January 27.

Restrictions will include no stopping, waiting and unloading in the road.

No turning into Hampton Gardens, Oaken Grange Drive, Sherbourne Gardens, Alton Gardens and Thomford Gardens.

Work is expected to go on until Tuesday, April 1.

Consultation on recycling scheme

A CONSULTATION on a new recycling scheme and waste collection contract has been launched by Southend council.

The services contract aims to deliver value for money and savings, whilst supporting the council’s overall aims. It is likely to be a ten-year contract. The consultation will run until Monday, March 10. All Southend residents are invited to provide their views by accessing the following link to an on-line feedback form – www.southend.gov.uk/wasteconsultation.

Living with dementia

ADVICE sessions about living with dementia will take place in Southend until March.

Sessions will focus on what can cause memory problems, myths about dementia, where to get help and information for dementia.

Dates include Thursday, January 30, between 2.30pm and 4:30pm and Saturday, February 1, between 10am and 12pm at the Friars, The Renown, Shoeburyness.

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Wilko fans' anger over ticket touting 'disgrace'

By Charles Thomson

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MUSIC lovers posted angry messages on rocker Wilko Johnson's Facebook page last week after tickets to his latest gig sold out in minutes and were listed on re-sale websites at massively inflated prices.

On February 25, the Dr Feelgood guitarist will perform a one-off concert at the Shepherd's Bush Empire with The Who's Roger Daltrey, to celebrate the release of their joint album Going Back Home.

Wilko exclusively announced the album in a YA interview last September and confirmed its release date last Wednesday, with gig tickets going on-sale last Friday.

However, within 50 minutes of tickets – top price £45 – going on-sale, a pair were listed on re-sale website Viagogo for £1,000 each.

Viagogo is designed for fans who can no longer use their tickets to re-sell them to other fans.

By Monday morning three tickets were listed on Viagogo for £1,200 each, plus a £540 booking fee, £108 VAT and £9.95 postage – totalling £4,257.95 for the three £45 tickets.

On Monday morning almost 60 tickets were being sold on Viagogo at more than £100 each, 13 of which cost at least £500 per ticket.

At similar sites Seatwave and Stub Hub on Monday morning, tickets were being sold in groups of up to four for up to £299.95 each.

Long-time fans flocked to Wilko's Facebook fan page on Friday to complain that 'ticket touts' had been offering tickets on re-sale websites before they had even gone on-sale at 9am.

Steve Coulson wrote at 9.04am: "Sold out!!! Really, at one minute past nine, and yet five minutes ago they were already on ticket re-sale sites. Was looking forward to this. Really not impressed."

Colston Crawford posted at 9.11am: "This is one of the great scandals of the entertainment industry. Touting made legal. It really needs to be regulated."

Steven Sedgwick posted 20 minutes later: "Scandal – on the site at 8.59am, can't get tix, but by 9.05am I could buy as many as I wanted on Stub Hub at the bargain of £113 each plus booking fees. I have followed Wilko through thick and thin for 30 years (even down to pub gigs in London of 20 people) and am very disappointed on this. It is legalised touting."

Matt Marlow said people re-selling tickets minutes after buying them were a 'disgrace' and Phil Carroll called the practice 'disgusting', while long-time fan James Olver complained he had only managed to get tickets in the third tier, writing: "Why are they not made available to real fans first? The fact that I've been seeing Wilko play for over 35 years counts for nothing."

Graeme St Clair wrote: "Gutted and feel betrayed."

Nick Sendall asked: "Does anyone know a Wilko Johnson fan that actually got a ticket?"

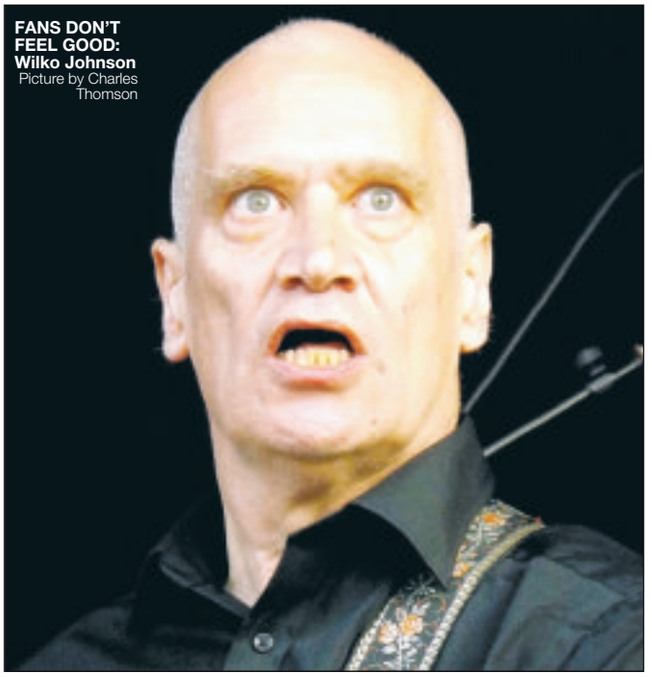
Concert promoter AEG Live warned against buying from ticket touts.

A spokesman said: "We strongly recommend that you only purchase your tickets through our official, authorised ticket agencies (a list of which is on our website at www.aeglive.co.uk).

"We cannot take responsibility for the validity of tickets purchased from unauthorised agents or other sources (including ticket touts) and any tickets purchased in breach of our ticketing terms and conditions may be rendered null and void."

The YA will report from the gig next month for fans who were unable to attend.

● For more about Wilko's collaboration with Roger Daltrey, turn to page 23.



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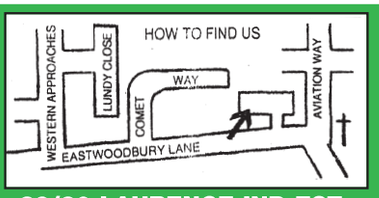

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EXHIBITION: Peter Bolton

Exhibition's all there in black and white

A PHOTOGRAPHER is holding a special exhibition of monochrome portraits at Cafe Utopia in Southend.

Peter Bolton will be holding the show until Friday, February 28.

The exhibition features 21 pieces ranging from portraits of local people to people dressed as war veterans.

Peter from Shoeburyness said the collection had built up over the years he has been a photographer.

He said: "I prefer printing my prints in monochrome and I know the owners of the cafe love monochrome too.

"It is a kind of wave to them really as they like them."

Peter will launch the exhibition on Wednesday, January 29, between 6pm and 8.30pm, at Cafe Utopia, unit 2, The Royals, Southend High Street.

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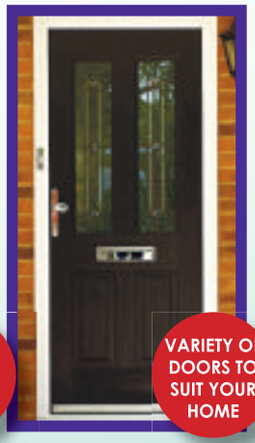

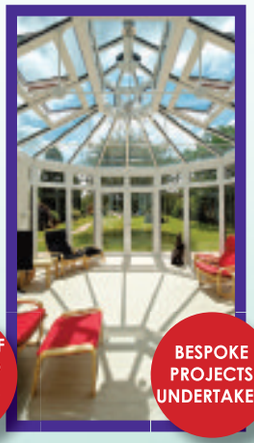

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Spotty knifeman robber had 'bushy eyebrows'

POLICE are hunting for a robber with bushy eyebrows after a man was threatened with a knife.

The victim, a 20-year-old man from Southend, was walking along Milton Road, into Westcliff Parade, towards the Cliffs Pavilion, at about 1.30pm last Wednesday (January 22), when he was approached by the man carrying a knife.The robber demanded the victim's phone but he refused. He instead gave the robber £10 and ran of to get help.

The knifeman is described as white, of slim build, and aged in his late teens to early twenties, and about 5ft 8in tall. He had dark brown or black thick bushy eyebrows and grey eyes. He was clean shaven with a spotty complexion, and wore a dark blue New York Yankees baseball cap, a dark blue balaclava with a pattern of little crossed guns on it.

Call 101 with information.

Mother's ordeal

● From front page

midwives, or to take a decision on whether to save Tom.

Ms Godwin said she still had many unanswered questions concerning her treatment and the death of her baby. "It has caused me to become severely depressed and unable to work. Hospitals should make every effort to ensure a patient's survival, but instead I was left without a paediatrician, desperate and helpless to alleviate the suffering of my baby boy."

Southend Hospital refused to disclose the sum it had paid to Ms Goodwin, but it is believed to be a five-figure sum.

Chief nurse Sue Hardy offered Ms Godwin condolences on the loss of her baby and apologised for the 'lack of communication'. She said: "We are again sorry that her experience of care did not meet the high standard we strive to provide. It is essential that we inform prospective parents of premature babies the expectations for their infant's survival between 20 and 24 weeks' gestation. In light of this we have strengthened our communication policy around this deeply sensitive issue."

Ms Godwin has since given birth to a daughter, Isla, who was born at 24 weeks. She is healthy and well.

'BREATHTAKING': Rebecca Harris MP cuts the ribbon on The Hub, the new student social space at Seevic College

Hub, hub, hurray!

A COLLEGE has celebrated the opening of The Hub – a large new open-plan social space for students and focal point of a multi-million pound redevelopment project.

The development at Seevic College, Benfleet – which serves hundreds of Southend students – includes a new curved roof on the main building, the creation of 26 modernised classrooms and a new campus restaurant.

Special guest Rebecca Harris MP said: "I was delighted to be invited to this event and when I saw The Hub for the first time it really knocked me sideways – it's breathtaking.

"I've always been a supporter of Seevic and I want everyone in Benfleet to know about the superb opportunities here for local people."

Student governor Liam Purnell, 17, added: "These new facilities are going to be hugely beneficial to students. There was already a warm and friendly environment in place, but it's now even more the case."

College principal and chief executive Nick Spenceley said: It is my intention for Seevic College to become a real community resource."

Visitors can pre-book for the open evening on Tuesday (February 4), at www.seevic-college.ac.uk

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Home-made fun for businesses

A GROUP is inviting people to get some brain nourishment at a networking event.

Made in Leigh Conversations is the brainchild Leigh-based freelancers, solo workers, creatives, independent shops and business to promote living, creating and buying locally.

Everyone is welcome to the event being held on Wednesday, (February 5), from 7pm at Leigh Community Centre, in Elm Road, Leigh.

Tickets for the event cost £3.50 and can be purchased from www.madeinleigh.com

Vegas burning!

A CHIP shop in Marin Parade, Southend, caught alight on Sunday (January 26).

Fire crews found that Las Vegas Grill was heavily smoke logged at around 8pm.

The firefighters wore breathing apparatus, used one hose reel and a dry powder fire extinguisher to extinguish the blaze by 8.36pm.

Shed on fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called to a shed fire in Westbury Road, Southend, on Thursday, (January 23), at 12pm.

The used two hose reels to tackle the fire and it was extinguished by 12.14pm.

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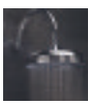

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TOUGH MUDDERS: Neptune ward nurses Claire Scott, Rebecca Simmonds, Joanne Baylis and Colin Early

By Paul Giles

southend@yellowad.co.uk

BRAVE nurses are planning to turn their discomfort into quite the opposite for the parents of sick children.

The paediatric staff from Southend Hospital are taking part in the hardcore 'Tough Mudder' challenge.

Taking place on Saturday, April 26, the tough 12-mile obstacle course designed by the British Special Forces includes ice pools, rope climbs, smoke tunnels and electric shocks.

The nurses are putting themselves through possibly the hardest ever assault course to raise funds to buy collapsible beds for parents of children on the hospital's Neptune ward.

With space at a premium on the high-dependency unit; these beds fold out from chairs and will allow parents to stay with their sick children 24/7 without compromising the day-to-day operations of the ward.

Sister Rebecca Simmonds, of Neptune ward, who suggested the challenge to her colleagues, said the equipment was much needed and make parents more comfortable.

She said: "We're training together lots at the moment, we're up to running five miles in the woods but it can be tricky after a long shift, especially when it's cold and raining outside.

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Canan Dobson, 27, from Epping was travelling on the 3.20pm Aer Lingus flight to Dublin on Thursday, January 23, to visit her 30-year old husband Oliver who is completing a management course in Dublin.

Mrs Dobson was greeted at check-in with a bottle of champagne and two return flights on the Southend to Dublin route.

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WANTED: Do you recognise him?

House entered and ransacked

INTRUDERS kicked open the front door of a house, ransacked rooms and took electrical items valued at a four-figure sum.

An e-fit has been released of a man police want to speak to in connection with the burglary in The Grove, Southend.

The break-in happened between 8.30am and 3.30pm, on Monday, January 13. Items stolen included a black Toshiba laptop, an iPad2, a 250G Xbox, a 4G Xbox, three console controllers and Turtle Beach headphones.

Any witnesses, anyone who saw or heard any suspicious activity in the area or has been offered any of these items in suspicious circumstances should contact Southend CID on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

Thieves smash door to steal jewellery and Gucci watch

SUSPECT: Know him?

By Paul Giles
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THIEVES smashed their way into a house to steal a haul of jewellery and a Gucci watch.

The property in Bournemouth Park Road, Southend, was hit sometime between 10am, on January 10, and 6.40pm on January 11.

Police want to hear from anyone who recognises an e-fit image of a man who is wanted for questioning in connection with the burglary.

Officers said the house had been searched of jewellery including necklaces, brooches, bangles, earrings and a lady's silver Gucci watch with navy square face have been stolen.

The suspect in the e-fit had been seen acting suspiciously in the street before the raid. He is described as white, aged 30 to 40, of slim build, and around 5ft 10in tall. He had short hair and was wearing a high-visibility jacket.

He may also have been in the company of another man and woman.

Anyone who believes they recognise the man in the e-fit is asked to call DC Kerry Auger at Southend CID on 101 or call Crimestoppers free and anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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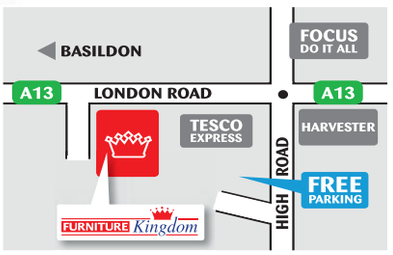

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Men attacked

TWO MEN have been left with injuries after they were attacked outside Sainsbury's, in London Road, Southend, at about 1.30am on Saturday, January 18.

One of the victims, a 40-year-old man from Southend, suffered a fractured eye socket, broken fingers and a broken arm.

The second victim received a small cut to his face and a black eye.

They were assaulted by a group of four men.

One of them is described as either Asian or black,with his hair tied back with a dark jacket and possibly jeans.

The other three were white men but nothing else is known about their descriptions.

Police hunt knife man

DETECTIVES are hunting a man with bushy eyebrows after he threatened someone with a knife.

The victim, a 20-year-old man from Southend, was walking along Milton Road, into Westcliff Parade, towards the Cliffs Pavilion, at about 1.30pm on Wednesday, January 22, when he was approached by the man carrying a knife.

The knife man is described as a white man, of slim build, and aged in his late teens to early twenties, and about 5ft 7to 5ft 8ins tall.

He had dark brown or black thick bushy eyebrows and grey eyes.

He was clean shaven with a spotty complexion, and wore a dark blue New York Yankees baseball cap, a dark blue balaclava with a pattern of little crossed guns over it.

Race for Life

SOUTHEND women are being urged to join forces and show cancer who's boss by signing up to Race for Life 2014 which is now open for entries.

Every day, around 83 people are diagnosed with cancer in the East of England.

Cancer Research UK is calling on Southend women of all ages, shapes and sizes, to defy the disease by entering the Race for Life 5k event, at Garons Park, on Sunday, June 15.

To enter Race for Life today go to www.raceforlife.org or call 0845 600 6050.

Food hygiene

COUPLES are being encouraged to stay safe if they plan to dine out on Valentine's Day.

Food safety experts at Southend Council are urging diners to check the food hygiene star rating before booking their romantic meal.

The Food hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) rates the food hygiene standards of restaurants and takeaways in the borough.

Environmental health officers inspect these premises and mark them on a scale ranging from none, meaning urgent improvements are necessary, to a top rating of five which is billed as very good.

If you cannot see a sticker, then ask staff or check online at www.food.gov.uk/ratings

NHS meeting

NHS SOUTHEND Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) will be holding its governing body meeting on Thursday, January 30 and members of the public are invited to attend.

Tea and coffee will be served from 1.15pm and the meeting will commence at 1.30pm with a 4pm finish.

The meeting will be held at Park View Suite, Chalkwell Park, London Road, Chalkwell.

The agenda and papers will be available one week prior to the meeting at www.southendccg.nhs.uk . For further information please contact Jean Robinson, governance and risk manager on 01702 314282.

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Opinion and readers' letters

An affront to democracy

Parliament soon votes on a hastily drafted amendment to the care bill. This clause 118 has become known as the 'hospital closure clause'. No English hospital, including Southend's, will be safe from financially driven closures if clause 118 becomes law. It will not matter how successful or financially viable our local hospital is. It could be downgraded or shut altogether if there is a neighbouring hospital in trouble. We will not get a say. The decision to close will be taken by government appointed 'special administrators'; they will be more interested in balancing the books than in patient care.

Local people, doctors and councillors will not be consulted in any meaningful way. It's an affront to democracy. Once upon a time the Cameron-led Conservatives used to claim they would protect hospitals – NHYes was their slogan. They also claimed no top-down reorganisation. The NHS was safe in their hands we were assured.

The secretary of state for health, Jeremy Hunt, is keen to rush this clause through. It follows his defeat in the law courts over plans to shut services at the successful and solvent Lewisham hospital. The people of Lewisham won, but they won't win again if this change becomes law. It could be our local hospital next. There is still time to defeat Clause 118 – by putting pressure on local MPs we can force the government to scrape the hospital closure clause. We need to contact our MPs and ask that they oppose clause 118 when it is voted on in Parliament in February.

Julian Ware-Lane
Leigh-on-Sea

Toeing the party line more important?

During the Glebelands appeal in December 2012, I watched Cllr Govier give an opening statement to the planning inspector. She was tearful with emotion while telling tales to the inspector of how important this piece of green belt was to her ward, how much wildlife it supports and how building on it would be to the detriment of her ward.

Since becoming a councillor for St Mary's ward, Cllr Sheldon has been loud and clear in fighting to stop any development of Jotmans Farm. His quotes and speeches have been almost Churchillian at times in rallying for support.

On Wednesday January 15 I witnessed both of them raise their arms up to vote in favour of a new local plan consultation that includes 100 homes on Glebelands and 800 homes on Jotmans.

This week I see a photograph of Cllr Govier in your newspaper celebrating the high court decision to back CPBC in refusing planning to FLP, two days after she voted for building!

Maybe the strength in their conviction wasn't as strong as it first appeared, or maybe toeing the party line is more important than their ward constituents' views.

In an ideal world they will both make amends by using the high court decision on Glebelands to campaign to have the new local plan changed during its consultation to the benefit of their ward residents.

Martin Fowler
Benfleet

Bill will threaten free speech

Once again, at least one of our local MPs; Mr Francois, has ignored his constituents concerns and done his Conservative Party's bidding.

He did so tacitly by his silence during the blood testing centralisation diktat and the Rayleigh Action Group's concerns over plans to release green belt west of the town for more housing and a Traveller site whilst his constituents in that area were baling out their homes during the summer flood due to inadequate drainage and his party colleagues at Rochford Council telling them to 'go buy your own sandbags' ..

His latest action is far more explicit as he was one of those MPs who last week voted down the Lords' amendment to the 'Lobbying Bill'.

The original intent of the 'Lobbying Bill' was to curb the power of corporate lobbyists (e.g. the Private Health sector) and rich benefactors of political parties. It did not distinguish between its intended targets and those other much worthier lobby groups such as charities and apolitical lobbyists like '38 Degrees' who have been effective in opposing the bill to sell off our woodland and in curbing the Government's attempts to dismantle and privatise the NHS (e.g. blood testing)

Such organisations are funded by unselfish members of the public who otherwise have no power to influence Parliament other than at the ballot box every five years and unless in a marginal constituency, no influence whatsoever.

At first it seemed quite a beneficial oversight for the coalition to also have inflicted collateral damage on these public voices as an unintended consequence of the bill but its behaviour since then suggests something much more sinister when members of the major coalition party are prepared to vote down amendments in the higher house who are trying to protect our democracy, by stopping it becoming the 'Gagging Law'..

I really worry when a government starts to behave like a dictatorship by passing law to overturn decisions made in our high courts (i.e. hospital closures) and higher house (Gagging Law) and Mr. Francois, being a member of and supporting such a rotten government is culpable in it's erosion of our democracy.

Apparently. Mr. Francois has a military background and therefore used to 'just following orders' but if he had any conscience, he should lie stay awake at night thinking of his part in such a betrayal.

I appeal you as our local mouthpiece to expose this betrayal and urge Mr Francois to vote with his conscience and not with his party's not-so-hidden agenda to crush opposition at any cost to our democracy and free speech.

Perhaps your readers might consider that as comfortable as they may feel in a rock-solid Conservative constituency, there are some values which transcend party loyalties which are being abused by the major party of a coalition government. We should start to worry now in the run up to next year's general election how they'll behave if they win a clear majority.

Alan Harris
Rayleigh

We are going full circle

I CAN remember the lovely houses that were in Victoria Avenue that were pulled down to build the offices in Victoria Avenue.

It would seem we are going full circle. Yes I agree they should be pulled down.

I have been saying for years what the council should have done, and still can, is pull all the old buildings down around the back of the High Street shops. This is where the offices should be put. It would put more life in the High Street. Workers going to and from work, and in their lunchtime would use the High Street shops.

Fred Farenden
Southend

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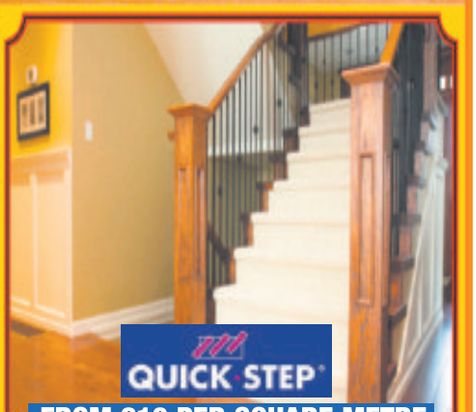

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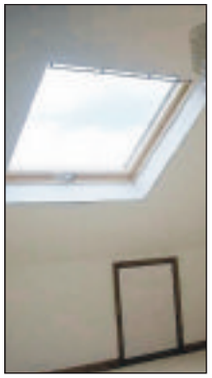

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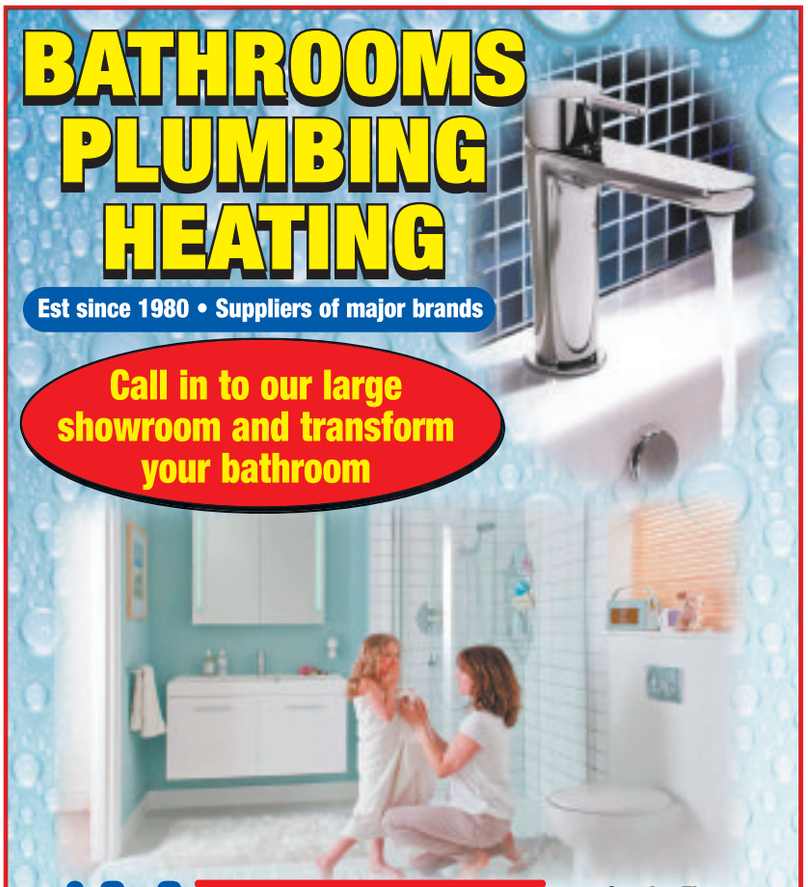

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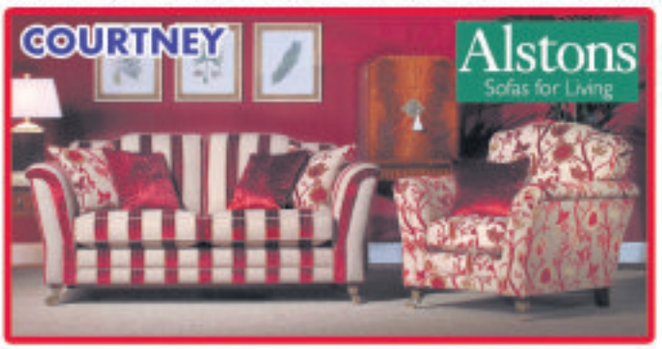

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ROCKER: Wilko Johnson
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CHARLES THOMSON looks at a special collaboration between The Who's Roger Daltrey and one of Canvey's finest, guitar legend Wilko Johnson

ESSEX rock legend Wilko Johnson has announced the release date for his impending album with The Who's Roger Daltrey – and the pair will play a special gig in London to celebrate its completion.

They will release the CD, titled Going Back Home, on the newly-revived Chess Records label on March 20.

Wilko, who shot to fame as the songwriter and guitarist for Canvey Island rock band Dr Feelgood, exclusively announced the pair's collaboration in a Yellow Advertiser interview last September.

The terminally-ill rocker, who has defied doctors' expectations after being told he would likely die by October 2013, said old plans for a collaboration were reignited when Wilko attended the GQ Awards a few days before the interview.

He said in September: "I'd encountered Roger a year or two ago and we decided to make an album together. That had all kind of got swept away but he was there the other night and we said, 'Come on, let's do this thing'. I like Roger and I think we could do something good together."

The pair recorded the album in a single week in November at the Yellow Fish studio in Uckfield, which Wilko described this week as 'an unfortunate name for a place, but a great studio'.

The 11-track album will feature 10 Wilko-penned tracks from previous Dr Feelgood and solo projects and a Bob Dylan cover.

Roger Daltrey has pledged to donate all of his royalties from the album to a cancer charity.

Mr Daltrey said: "I am very proud of this album. So much music today is over-polished. This record has a freshness that can only come from the pressures we were under."

Wilko said: "I was meant to die in October and now I've recorded this with Roger. I can't keep gushing, but I saw The Who in 1969 when I was at university. He's a star to me."

Wilko told the YA in September that he is working on more original music and could have enough for two more albums, but suspected they could end up being put together and released after his death.

He will perform with Roger Daltrey at the O2 Shepherds Bush Empire on Tuesday, February 25.

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Saturday, February 1

■ St George's & Appleton Wards, Councillor's Surgery, St George's Hall, Rush Bottom Lane, 10am-12pm.
■ Basildon Community Gospel Quoir, is looking for new members, all welcome, please text or email your name, email address and phone number to 07852 525923 or basildoncommunitygospelquoir@gmail.com. Day & time tba.
■ Basildon Keyboard Club Concert, Elizabeth Harrison plays the Roland, 8pm, James Hornsby High School, Nicholas Lane, Basildon, Essex. £5 inc interval refreshments, John 01268 415506.
■ Social Ballroom Dance, Runneymede Hall, A13, Kiln Road Benfleet, ss7 1tf. Come and join us for an enjoyable and friendly evening of Ballroom and Latin dancing, all abilities welcome, bar, large car park, good music. 7.45-11.15pm. 07748 707122.
■ Essex Society for Family History, (SEE Branch) Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff-on -Sea, SS0 7JX. The hall is open from 12.30 when we be available to help with family history research. The talk starts at 2.30pm and is about, "Writing about Southend" by Dee Gordon, a local author.
■ Winter Fayre, 11am, Belfair's Methodist Church, Eastwood Road North, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 4NG. Various stalls: bric-a-brac, cakes, books, linens, white elephants etc, snacks and lunches. 01268 558756.
■ Transmission Meditation Workshop, Helliwell Room, The Forum Library Southend. 10-11.30am, admission free.
■ Yugioh Club, you can play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, there are mini tournaments, Saturdays 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
■ Dad's and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Saturdays 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls 5-17 years with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
■ Saturday Morning Club, St Michaels Church Hall, Leigh Road, every Saturday 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, refreshments, admission free, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
■ Meeting, Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, every Saturday 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.
■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke, every Saturday 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
■ Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op,Hadleigh old Fire Station,Hadleigh every Saturday 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

Sunday, February 2

■ Ron Spack's, Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, 1pm, 01702 345247.
■ The Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut, February through October, 10am til 12 noon, for all your gardening sundries, membership £3, situated behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell.
■ West Essex Ramblers, 10.15. For an 11.5 mile circular walk, join the leader at the entrance to Waltham Abbey Church, grid ref. 381 006. This country ramble includes a lunch time pub stop at Brambles Green.
■ Jazz, Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 1pm. 01702 345247.
■ Sunday School, Get on Board (No Charge) at The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, every Sunday 11am-noon, age 3-10 years. 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
■ Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation, Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh, Sundays 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation over tea and biscuits, all welcome.
■ King's Church Southend at Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday 10.30am-noon, a church where knowing Jesus makes all the difference. 01702 523639.
■ King's Church Tarpots at St Mary's Church Hall, High Road, Benfleet, every Sunday 10.30am-12.30pm, church but not as you known it. 01268 750520.
■ Greek Community of Southend and District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Pauls, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, every Sunday 10am-noon. 01702 466435.
■ Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.
■ Mojo Friendship Club, Travellers Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 11.30am, meet weekly, open to all, details Mo on 07757 658799.

Monday, February 3

■ Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), friendly club, beginners welcome, no partner needed, every Monday 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.
■ Jazztet, with Ian Thompson saxaphone/Chris English piano, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. 8.30pm. 01708 512819.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Craft, 10am-12pm, Crocheting/Quilting 1-3pm, Art, 12.30-2.30pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Senior Citizens Club, Benfleet's No 1 Club, Richmond Hall, Benfleet, meets Mondays 1.30-3.30pm, entertainment, all welcome.
■ Southend Christian Counselling Service, do you need to talk, open to all, Mondays 5.30-7.30pm and Thursdays 2-7.30pm, further details call our 24 hour answer machine 01702 335252 and we will get back to you.
■ Over 50's Keep-fit Classes, Fryerns Community Centre, Monday afternoons, further details Pat 01268 770294.
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■ Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), Mondays 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
■ Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, Mondays 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
■ Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, every Monday 6-8pm, further details Michelle 07730 582784.
■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, further details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email join@basildonplayers.co.uk
■ Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over 50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, every Monday 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
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■ Club 60, Floor 3, Queensway House, Essex Street, Southend, various activities every weekday, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.
■ Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh, new hall all mod/cons, 4 mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, please ring Kevin on 01268 792433.
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■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, with 5 day sessions, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.

Tuesday, February 4

■ Alzheimer's Society, dementia cafe for people living with dementia, their carers and proffessionals. 2-4pm, St Peter's Hall, Eastwood Road North, SS9 4BX. Speaker from occupational therapy on reminiscence. Tel 01702 345156.
■ Alzheimer's Society, men's motivational group, for men living with dementia, British Legion, Northview Drive, Westcliff SS0 9NG. 2-4PM 01702 345156.
■ Tea Dance at St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Dr. Westcliff, sequence, ballroom, latin, 1.45pm all welcome. 07767 406194.
■ Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.
■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club require new or experienced players. We meet at the James Hornsby School, Laindon weekly. First session free call or text Alan on 07952 043456.
■ Social Dance, 1.45pm at Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff.

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■ Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Tuesday 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
■ Health Walk, Salvation Army, Hadleigh, 10.30am, meet Castle Lane car park, Hadleigh, every Tuesday, details 01702 318121.
■ Scrabble Club, Hockley and Hawkwell 55+ Social Centre, Southend Road, behind the Library Main Road, every Tuesday 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second Saturday & fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. 01702 205910.
■ Meeting, Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, Tuesdays 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 01702 551470.
■ Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties, run by 'Breathe Easy' part of the British Lung Foundation, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, Tuesdays 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

Wednesday, February 5

■ Leigh Travel Club, A talk by Julia Hammond on Vanuatu, South Pacific at The Iveagh Hall, 67 Leigh Road. Doors open 7.30pm, 7.45 start. Admission £2 including refreshments. Lynda 01702 474475.
■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club, 'The Chichester' Rawreth, Wickford. Catherine Lima + Paul Higgs quartet. 8-10.30pm, £10 on door, all welcome, Meals & Lite Bits from 6.30pm. 07850 607075.
■ Alzheimer's Society, Memory Group, for people living with dementia and their families. 2-4pm. Crowstone Christian Centre, Crowstone Road, Westcliff, SS0 8LH, 01702 345156.
■ Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group, Nazareth House, London Road, 1.30-4.30pm, a talk by Colin Billings on "My Life Of Hats". Tea and biscuits included, for further details contact Janet Wagstaff on 01702 312959.
■ Thames Estuary Decorative Fine Arts Society, meeting at 10.30am and again at 2.30pm, in the Freight House, Bradley Way Rochford. The subject is "The Vikings" by Barbara Askew. Visitors £5, 01702 479416/01268 771120.
■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, every Wednesday, Richmond Hall, Richmond Ave, Benfleet. Light hearted afternoon, of Ballroon & Latin and sequence dances for dancers of all abilities. 2-4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over 18's, £4 per person. 01268 752473.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Beading, 10am-12pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Singles Connection Friendship and Social Club, open evening at the Haywain for over 45s, Five Bells roundabout, Fobbing, 8.30pm, last Wednesday of every month. 07902 252758.
■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Mick & Sarah, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.
■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, every Wednesday 2-4pm, further details contact Olive 01702 309280.
■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching given, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.
■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, Wednesdays 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished from Pulmonary rehabilitation call Honorie 01268 574390 for further details.
■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, every Wednesday 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk
■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, every Wednesday 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01702 544112.
■ Line Dancing Lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, every Wednesday 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.

Thursday, February 6

■ Alzheimer's Society, Ladies Group, for ladies living with dementia. 1-3pm, St Edmund's Community Centre, St Edmund's Close, SS2 4AS. 01702 345156.
■ Alzheimer's Society, Peer support group for carers, 2-4pm, Room 6, Shoebury Baptist Church Hall, Thorpedene Gardens, SS3 9JD. 01702 345156.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's. Crafts 10am-12pm, Bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, Ceramics, 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
■ Music, The Maritime Room, Cliffs Pavilion, Southend, 'Chris Standring', admission £15 on door, students £7 with valid photo card, doors open 8pm, music from 8.30-11pm.
■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, car parking in Hockley Woods Car Park, every Thursday, details 01702 318121.
■ Jive classes every Thursday at Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, from 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.
■ Buddies Over 50 Singles Club, Anchor Pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm every Thursday, meet new friends, varied social activities, further details Dee, 01268 565045.
■ Meeting, Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildaville Drive, Westcliff, every service we have mediums that demonstrate clairvoyance, Thursdays 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.
■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
■ Coffee, Cake and Chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, join us every Thursday 2pm, further details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.
■ Stalls in Outpatients Department, next to post box, Southend Hospital, books, bric-a-brac, hand knits etc, every Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, all proceeds to Bosom Pals Appeal.
■ Tea Dance, St James' Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, every Thursday 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.
■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Thursday 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.
■ Why not try Carpet Bowls, The Salvation Army Hall, Elm Road, Leigh, Thursdays 2-4pm, 4, first 3 weeks free, details 01702 553546.
■ Short Mat Bowls, Willows Park, James Hornsby School, Leinster Road, Laindon, every Thursday 7.30pm, first 3 weeks free, details 01277 625027.
■ Clairvoyance, Shoebury Spiritual Centre, The Sandpiper Community Centre, Sandpiper Close, Shoebury, Thursdays 8-10pm, free healing, admission £3. 01702 476087.

Friday, February 7

■ Alzheimer's Society, singing for the brain, 2-4pm, Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Ave SS0 7AU, 01702 345156.78
■ Coffee morning, 10am-12pm, Chalkwell Park Methodist Church, Westcliff-on-Sea. Refreshments, gifts, books and home-made cakes on sale. In aid of "Just One Dog" and church funds. Www.chalkwellpark.co.uk.
■ Talk on use of English words in French language. Basildon French Circle, room 2, Basildon Centre 8pm. 01268 756347.
■ George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over 50's, Crafts 10aom-12pm, £2 01268 465854.
■ Runwell Art Club, lively friendly group of people wishing to expand their membership every Friday 10am-1pm, £3 per session, all abilities welcome, further details Carole 01268 560005 or Paula 01268 734436.
■ Sequence Dancing, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
■ Book Club, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over 50s, every Friday 10-11am. 01268 465854.
■ Drama Classes, Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, Fridays after school, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
■ Bargain Box Open, Pastoral Centre, St Martin's Church, Basildon (Church walk near Marks and Spencer), every Friday 10am-noon, good quality/nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, books, videos etc, tea/coffee, all welcome, no entrance charge.
■ Table Tennis, Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over 50s, any standard, friendly group, every Friday 11am-1pm, free parking. 07931 564105.
■ Table Tennis, St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoebury, every Friday 2-4pm. 01702 296708.
■ Table Tennis, Markhams Chase Sports Centre, Basildon, every Friday 2pm, £2.50 per session.
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Mark Wahlberg as Marcus Luttrell in Lone Survivor PA Photo/Universal Pictures

Taliban hit gets seal of approval

Lone Survivor (15, 121 mins)

BASED on the true story of a failed Navy SEALs operation to kill a high-ranking member of the Taliban, Lone Survivor is a rousing tribute to the men who perished in June 2005 while serving their country.

Director Peter Berg is no stranger to explosive action and male posturing, having previously helmed The Kingdom, Hancock and the water-logged 2012 blockbuster Battleship.

He is the perfect fit for this gruelling material, delivering a final 30 minutes that will have audiences wincing in horror as four SEALs fling themselves down the Hindu Kush Mountains near the Afghanistan-Pakistan border during a gunfight with the Taliban.

Broken bones jut through shattered limbs and bullets scythe through flesh as the four-strong team continues to fight to the tragic end, aware that their struggles could be in vain.

It's a heroic and harrowing portrait of bravado in combat and the bonds of brotherhood behind enemy lines.

At Bagram Air Base, Marcus Luttrell (Mark Wahlberg), Michael Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), Danny Dietz (Emile Hirsch) and Matt Axelson (Ben Foster) await their assignment.

During downtime, they welcome Shane Patton (Alexander Ludwig) into the ranks via an initiation ceremony, which involves dancing in front of the other men and reciting a Navy SEALs mantra.

"No matter how dark it gets, or how far you fall, you are never out of the fight," he barks.

Soon after, Lieutenant Commander Erik Kristensen (Eric Bana) gives the order to hunt Ahmad Shah (Yousuf Azami), who is suspected of killing marines in Afghanistan. The reconnaissance is fatally compromised when three shepherds, two of whom are boys, stumble on the SEALs' hiding place.

The men argue about whether they should shoot the locals or let them go.

"It's nobody's business what we do up here," argues Axelson.

Murphy takes the final decision to let the villagers go and within hours, the SEALs are surrounded by hundreds of gun-toting Taliban.

The title of Berg's film might give away the ending, but Lone Survivor still jangles the nerves as Luttrell and co refuse to surrender in the face of overwhelming odds.

Wahlberg, Kitsch, Hirsch and Foster rise to the physical challenge with gusto, propelling themselves around hazardous mountain terrain as the enemy swarms.

Berg directs the climactic sequence with aplomb, seemingly turning up the volume of sound effects to accentuate every crack of a cranium on jagged rocks.

While Lone Survivor hits hard in the action set pieces, and leaves us breathless and slightly queasy thanks to brilliant make-up, the film is underpowered when it comes to fleshing out the characters and their back stories.

Berg compensates with bookended footage and photographs of real SEALs, including the men who fell during this Operation Red Wings.

Released: January 31

Eric Bana as Erik Kristensen PA Photo/Universal Pictures

FILM FACTS
Action/Thriller. Mark Wahlberg, Taylor Kitsch, Emile Hirsch, Ben Foster, Yousuf Azami, Ali Suliman, Eric Bana, Alexander Ludwig. Director: Peter Berg. :: Swearing :: No sex :: Violence :: Rating: 7/10

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TANDOORI Parlour has a superb new offer for 2014 – 'eat as much as you like' from the a la carte menu, freshly cooked and served to your table.

This offer is available from Sunday to Thursday for just £12.95 per person.

The restaurant's five star cuisine can also be enjoyed in the comfort of your own home thanks to its new takeaway service.

The popular restaurant, which has been serving delicious food to the community since the mid 1970s, has gone one step further by offering even more to its customers.

With a specially heated vehicle it is now delivering its vast menu to homes throughout the local area, all with the guarantee of arriving piping hot.

The service, free for orders of over £10, can also deliver alcoholic drinks for you to enjoy alongside your mouth-watering, freshly prepared food.

The service is just one of the ways Tandoori Parlour, at 61-63 Hart Road, Thundersley, goes out of its way for customers. As well as offering free VIP cards with 'two for one' deals and money off buffet evenings, the restaurant also helps diners celebrate special occasions.

Its Sunday Lunchtime Buffet, offering a choice of 52 dishes as well as a platter of starters silver served to your table is a great way to enjoy a meal with the family as it costs just £7.95 per person and is free for children aged 10 and under.

Tandoori Parlour, which is the largest Indian restaurant in Essex with a capacity for 450 people and was one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005, is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide.

It boasts a downstairs dining area with bar and dance floor as well as a Crystal Room upstairs, complete with illuminated glass dance floor, laser light show, baby grand piano, and state-of-the-art sound and lighting.

Diners can enjoy a wide range of Indian and Nepalese cuisine at its extensive evening buffets, which cost just £11.95 per person from Sunday to Wednesday, and £12.95 on Thursday.

Its popular Banquet and Disco nights are held on Friday and Saturday offering silver served starters, extensive buffet as well as a disco with DJ entertainment. Both evenings cost £16.95 per person, or just £14 on Friday night for VIP card holders.

Tandoori Parlour, which has helped raise thousands of pounds over the years for a range of charities including Barnardo's, the British Red Cross and Essex Air Ambulance, can also host Charity Nights, where 50 per cent of the profits go to the charity of your choice.

Tandoori Parlour, which is fully air conditioned and licensed, has full disabled facilities and a free large car park opposite.

The restaurant is open from noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to midnight from Monday to Saturday (last admission 10.30pm), and from noon to midnight (last admission 10.30pm) on Sunday.

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Lemon Tree serves up delicious new menus

NEW and exciting menus are now being served at a fantastic Mediterranean restaurant in Southchurch village.

The Lemon Tree, at 513 Southchurch Road, which has been delighting diners for many years with its five star cuisine, is now offering even more thanks to new and extensive menus for diners to choose from.

Romantic diners can celebrate Valentine's Day in style with a sumptuous three course meal at £29.95 per person.

Its lunchtime and evening menus are served every day, excluding Friday and Saturday evening, and cost just £12.95 for two-courses and £15.95 for three courses - giving diners outstanding value-for-money.

Lemon Tree has also introduced a new party menu at £19.95 for three courses throughout the week – and £22.95 on Saturday – the restaurant likes to let people know it welcomes parties.

There is a special treat for pasta and pizza lovers.

Italian pasta and pizza expert chef Giovanni Quaglia from Napoli is in the kitchen with his Neapolitan way of doing pasta and pizza.

The pasta and pizza menu offers fantastic choice and value for families as well as young diners who want to enjoy a lunch with friends or an evening out.

Stone baked pizzas, priced from just £6.25 to £8.95, are cooked before your eyes in The Lemon Tree's open plan kitchen, while its pasta menu offers diners amazing choice as all of its dishes can be served as a starter or a main meal.

The restaurant's A la Carte menu includes an extensive range of starters from Scottish Smoked Salmon, Avocado and Crayfish Tails, and Turkish Stuffed Peppers, to Mediterranean King Prawns and Calamari Espana - lightly floured, deep fried calamari served with salad, garnish and homemade tartar sauce.

Its choice of main dishes is extensive with meat lovers in for a treat with the likes of Breast of Chicken and Mozzarella, Cypriot Kleftico - slow roasted shoulder of lamb flavoured with mountain herbs - Wild Venison Steak, and Chef Special Fillet steak. Those who have a taste for seafood are also spoilt for choice with a wide range of dishes from traditional Spanish Paella, Fillet of Salmon and Whole Lemon Sole, to Swordfish Steak and King Prawn Thermador - cooked in cream, mustard, brandy and baked with cheese.

There is entertainment every Thursday with live rat pack style music by Graham playback.

Anyone who has not visited The Lemon Tree recently will find a new look restaurant complete with a beautiful dining area with lantern roof, an open plan kitchen where diners can see their food being prepared, and a limestone patio area for alfresco dining.

With seating for up to 80 people and an extensive wine and champagne list, The Lemon Tree is the ideal setting for large parties, as well as smaller celebrations as private areas can now be provided.

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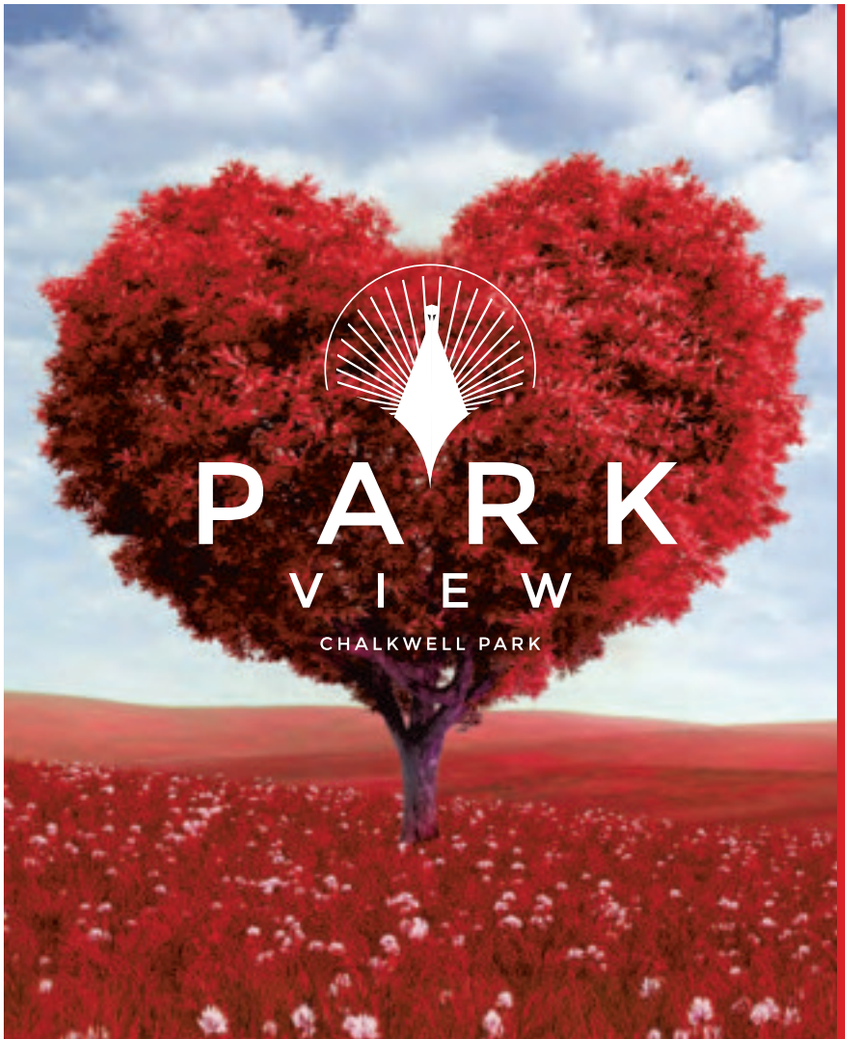

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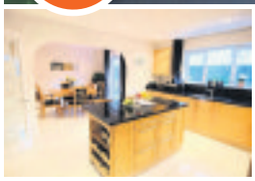
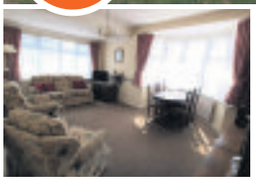


Stunning Four Bedroom Detached Family Home In Excellent Condition \ Lounge 17' x 11'11 \ Modern Open Plan Kitchen/Dining Room 20'4 x 14'8 \ Ground Floor W.c \ Bedroom One 14'7 x 11'6 With En-Suite Bathroom \ Bedroom Two 11'5 x 9' \ Bedroom Three 11'7 x 8'6 \ Bedroom Four 8'7 x 7'11 \ Four Piece Bathroom Suite \ Attractive Rear Garden With Brick Built Summerhouse \ High Quality Features Throughout \ Convenient Location Within Easy Access Of A127, Local Shops And Thundersley Common \ Garage 19'1 x 8'6 \ Off Street Parking \ Viewings Essential To Appreciate The Accommodation On Offer \ Epc Rating - D \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH \ £249,995



Character Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow \ Lounge 18'5 x 15'2 \ Kitchen 12'6 x 10'11 \ Bedroom One 12'0 x 11'10 \ Bedroom Two 13'1 to wardrobes x 11'10 all Ceilings Throughout \ Double Glazed \ Full Gas Central Heating Via Combination Boiler \ En-suite Shower Room\ Wet Room \ Popular and Sought After Location\ Few Minutes Walk Of Local Amenities \ Wheelchair Access \ Detached Garage & Parking For Numerous Vehicles \ Electricity generating Solar Photovoltaic Cells\ Easily Kept Garden \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ Call 01702 555888

THUNDERSLEY \ Guide £170,000 - £175,000

Two Bedroom Purpose Built First Floor Apartment \ Popular & Convenient Location \ Lounge/Diner 15'10 x 11'11 widening to 15'1 into recess \ Fully Fitted Kitchen 9'11 x 7'9 \ Bedroom One 12'9 x 10'0 narrowing to 7'8 \ Bedroom Two 10'2 x 7'8 narrowing to 6'3 \ Bathroom \ Own Private Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking\ Easy Access To Most Local Amenities \ Sole Agents \ Viewing Advised \ EPC Band C \ Call 01702 555888

BENFLEET \ £412,995

Set Well Back From The Road A Substantial Four/Five Bedroom Detached Family Home With Three/Four Reception Rooms And Four/Five Bedrooms \ Ideally Located For Schools, A13, Shops and Bus Routes \ Lounge 16'4 x 15'5\ Sitting Room 13'10 x 11'2 \ Kitchen/Breakfast Room 19'4 x 9'9 \ Conservatory 31'0 x 9'3 \ Ground Floor Shower Room \ Ground Floor Bedroom Five 12'10 x 9'3 \ Bedroom One 12'6 x 7'0 With En-Suite & Dressing Room \ Bedroom Two 10'6 x 10'4 \ Bedroom Three 10'5 x 9'0 \ Bedroom Four 7'9 x 7'4 \ West Backing Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking \ Must Be Viewed \ Call 01702 555888

Benfleet \ £950 pcm

Immaculate two bedroom cottage situated within a minutes walk of Benfleet train station /Fully Kitchen 11'8 x 7'4 Integrated Dishwasher, Fridge Freezer, Washing Machine, Tumble Dryer, Electric Oven & Hob / Dining Area 11'11 x 7'0 / Downstairs WC / White Three Piece Bathroom Suite With Shower Above Bath / Bedroom One 14'3 x 14'10 /Bedroom Two 9'4 x 8'3 / Courtyard Style Rear Garden / Parking / Call 01702 555888/ Fees Apply

Benfleet \ £750 pcm

Well maintained & spacious two bedroom first floor flat adjacent to Benfleet train station /Fitted Kitchen 8'9 x 7'1 With Oven & Gas Hob / Large Lounge/Diner 19'8 x 11'11 / White Modenr Three Piece Bathroom Suite With Shower Above Bath / Bedroom One 12'8 x 11'11 With Fitted Mirrored Wardrobes / Bedroom Two 9'7 x 8'10 / Garage To The Rear / 1 x Allocated Parking Space / Excellent Location / Recently Decorated Throughout / Call 01702 555888 / Fees Apply

Benfleet \ £750 pcm

Two bedroom first floor flat, offering spacious accommodation, situated within close proximity to Tarpots shopping facilities and the A13/A127 main road links / Lounge 16'2 x 11'4 with juliet balcony / Modern Fitted Kitchen 9'11 x 5'10 With Built in Electric Oven & Four Ring Hob / Bedroom One 18'0 x 10'2 /Bedroom Two 10'0 x 7'2 / Luxury Four Piece Bathroom Suite / Communal Garden / Easy Access Of Tarpots / Short Distance Of The A13/ A127 Trunk Roads / Off Street Parking / Call 01702 555888/ Fees Apply

HADLEIGH \ £675 pcm

Two bedroom deceptively spacious second floor flat being literally on Hadleigh High Street with its shopping and eating facilites / Lounge 17'1 >14'1 x 11'10 / Kitchen/Diner 14'5 x 8'1/ Bedroom One 14'4 x 11'8 /Bedroom Two 11'8 x 8'6 /Three Piece Bathroom Suite / Double Glazed Throughout/ Call 01702 555888/ Fees Apply

Westcliff on Sea \ £425 pcm

One bedroom first floor studio apartment situated within a convenient location within walking distance to Chalkwell station & Leigh Broadwa /Modern Fitted Kitchen to include electric oven & hob, Open Plan Lounge 14'11 x 13'7 / Luxury Three Piece Bathroom Suite 8'4 x 6'11 / Communal Garden /Off Street Parking /Excellent Location /Call 01702 555888/ Fees Apply

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Leigh-on-sea £225,000

Internal viewing is absolutely essential of this truly stunning and beautifully maintained TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM luxury apartment close to local shops and walking distance of Leigh Station,south facing balcony, 16'4 x 15'6 elegant lounge, 16'6 x 11' superb open plan kitchen/ diner, Gas c/h, double glazing, allocated parking space, ref etl5169

Westleigh C/A £539,950

Unique contemporary detached 4/5 bedroom house built just a few years ago for the builders own occupation.Situated in a sought after location within the Westleigh schools catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. Four/ five bedrooms, two en suite's, superb top floor 2nd lounge/ fifth bedroom with balcony, open plan lounge and dining room, luxury kitchen / breakfast room, utility room. Ref etl5105

Leigh-on-sea £249,995

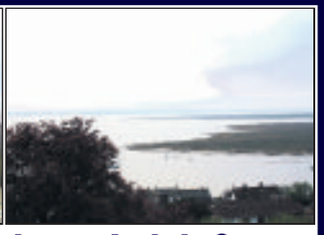
KEYS AVAILABLE TO VIEW this delightful semi detached character bungalow situated on the sought after Highlands estate near local shops, Belfairs woods and within walking distance of Leigh Station. Also situated within the Westleigh schools catchment area. 70' approx west facing rear garden, two bedrooms, spacious lounge, 14' x 10' kitchen / diner, bathroom/ w.c. Gac/h, Double glazing. NO ONWARD CHAIN. Ref etl5176

Prittlewell £269,995

A very large three double bedroom family size detached bungalow situated in Prittlewell close to local amenities and Southend airport/ station, this truly exceptional property must be viewed , stunning 28' x 21'3 open plan living area and luxury kitchen,21'3 x 13' lounge, 16'3 x 12' kitchen, three large double bedrooms,luxury bathroom, good size garden and parking.

Close to Chalkwell Park £415,000

A large and most impressive detached character residence requiring some remedial works and offered for sale with no onward chain. Sought after location close to Chalkwell Park, Chalkwell Schools and within walking distance of Chalkwell Station. Large west backing plot with garden/ yard providing parking for many vehicles, four bedrooms, bathroom & shower room, 26' x 23' lounge, 21' x 15'6 dining room, 21' x 12' kitchen, Ref etl 5185



Fantastic Estuary views, Leigh £p.o.a

A unique detached house occupying a prominent elevated location enjoying wonderful views over Old Leigh,the Estuary and far beyond.The property has a separate self contained annexe flat There is a four car garage plus further adjacent garage/workshop , plenty of additional parking space,numerous balconies and sun terraces all enjoying stunning views,large six bedroom accommodation arranged over four levels and lots of potential for the right buyer.Ref etl5106

Leigh-on-sea £279,995

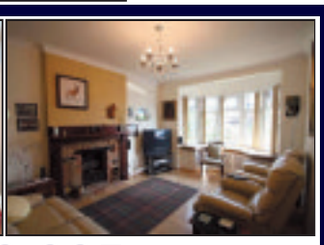
A fully detached character bungalow REQUIRING SOME IMPROVEMENTS and priced accordingly. The bungalow is situated in a very convenient location close to local shops and Belfairs woods and golf course. Two double bedrooms, spacious lounge , kitchen, bathroom /w.c .EARLY VIEWING IS ADVISED AS A QUICK SALE IS EXPECTED.

Marine Parade, Leigh £649,995

Four bedroom plus two loft room family house with terrific Estuary views, great location walking distance of Leigh Broadway and Station. Double garage and parking, Further parking to the front, good size L' shape garden, spacious lounge, 22'8 x 13'3 Dining/ sitting room, 18'4 x 12'2 kitchen/ breakfast room, cloaks/w.c.EXTREMELY RARE OPPORTUNITY - EARLY VIEWING ADVISED. Ref etl5189

4 Bedroom house just off Leigh Broadway £350,000

A deceptively spacious FOUR BEDROOM family house situated in a highly sought after location SOUTH OF LEIGH ROAD JUST OFF LEIGH BROADWAY and walking distance of station. SOUTH FACING sun trap garden, en suite shower room to 17'10 x 13'7 master bedroom, Lounge, separate dining room , 13'6 x 10'5 fitted kitchen, utility room, family bathroom. RARE OPPORTUNITY.Ref etl5187



Leigh-on-sea £279,995

A most attractive and spacious detached character bungalow in favoured location close to local ameneties. Versatile accommodation including spacious lounge, 13'4 x 12'3 dining room, 9'6 x 6'4 study, fitted kitchen, 13'8 x 12' conservatory, two bedrooms, utility room, 21' x 8' workshop, large car port and parking for numerous vehicles and pretty gardens. Ref etl5190

Retirement flat, Leigh £95,000

Lovely spacious retirement apartment situated within the popular Oakham Court development with excellent communal facilities and a Resident's Scheme Manager. The property is situated in a convenient location within walking distance of Waitrose supermarket.THE PRICE HAS BEEN SET MOST REALISTICALLY TO ATTRACT AN EARLY SALE. Ref etl5178

Retirement flat, Chalkwell £69,999

Delightful top floor retirement apartment served by lift and staircase, sought after Chalkwell Hall Estate location, double bedroom with fitted wardrobes, spacious lounge, fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c.. Excellent communal facilities including elegant lounge, kitchen, guest suite and laundry room.

Leigh-on-sea £279,995

Three bedroom family house walking distance of local shops and schools.1 mile to Leigh Broadway & 1.3 miles to Leigh Station, west facing garden, spacious lounge, large open plan kitchen/ family room, dining room/ conservatory, luxury bathroom with four piece suite including Victorian style slipper bath, gas c/h , double glazing, off street parking. Ref etl5153

Leigh-on-sea £275,000

PRICED FOR QUICK SALE, This semi detached character house with a 90' approx rear garden and parking for two cars situated in this popular and convenient location within walking distance of local shops and schools. Leigh Broadway is about a mile walk and Leigh Station 1.3 miles. Three bedrooms, superb open plan 29' x 11' lounge and dining room, fitted kitchen, luxury bathroom. Ref etl5131

Leigh-on-sea £369,995

An impressive four bedroom semi detached character house situated in a sought after location close to Belfairs woods and golf course. The property benefits from a west facing garden which backs directly on to parkland. Large impressive reception hall with oak wood floor, lounge with feature fireplace, separate dining room with feature fireplace, 16'8 x 11'9 luxury fitted kitchen with granite work tops, utility room, cloaks/w.c Ref etl5188

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* Conservatory
* South Facing Garden
* Attached Double Garage

SOLE AGENTS

THUNDERSLEY £199,995

Two Bedroom Semi Detached Chalet, Quiet Cul-de-sac location, Close to Thundersley Village, Modern Fitted Kitchen Off Street Parking & Detached Garage, Recently Refurbished to a high Standard, No Onward Chain
Lounge with Bay window, Double Glazed Windows, EPC - BAND F

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BENFLEET £230,000

Four/Five bedroom semi detached chalet, Kitchen, Grd Flr bathroom, First floor cloakroom, Study/bed 5, Lounge/diner, Separate Dining room/Bedroom 4, Three further bedrooms, bold corner plot with 90' rear garden, garage & Parking, First floor WC, EPC - BAND E

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Southend Conservation Area £195,000

Modern two bedroom first floor purpose built apartment. Lounge 27' x 10'6 incorporating open plan kitchen. Master bedroom with en-suite shower room. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Allocated parking space. Easy access to all of Southend's amenities. Lift service to all floors. South facing veranda with sea glimpses. **EPC: D.**

Clifftown Conservation Area £300,000

Modern three bedroom split level maisonette arranged over second and third floors. Security entry phone system. Lounge/dining room with south facing balcony. Kitchen with south facing balcony. Bathroom/w.c. En-suite to master bedroom. Cloakroom. Garage in block. Visitor parking. Communal gardens. **EPC: C**

Drewsteignton £124,995

Attractive two bedroom retirement chalet located in quiet mews. Modern bathroom and kitchen. Conservatory. Private garden. Visitors and residents parking. Realistically priced to sell. Early viewing advised. **EPC D**

Admirals Place, Wescliff on Sea £599,995

Magnificent three bedroom marine apartment. Panoramic estuary views. 25' lounge with full width balcony. Large kitchen/breakfast room. Separate utility room. Two luxury bathrooms (one en-suite). Two secure parking spaces. Lift concierge. **EPC: C**

Boutique Hotel, Royal Terrace £799,995

A unique opportunity to purchase this beautiful Grade Two listed eight bedroom Boutique Hotel located in the heart of Southend's Conservation Area, and benefiting from panoramic estuary views. Features include elegant drawing room with original fireplace and full width balcony. All guest rooms bedrooms have en-suite facilities. Superb residents dining room. Staff facilities. The property has undergone extensive refurbishment incorporating a delightful blend of both original and contemporary features.

Southchurch £240,000

Three bedroom detached house. Lounge 19'11 x 10'6. Dining room 14'10 x 10'7. Kitchen 11'10 x 7'4. Conservatory. Utility room. Ground floor w.c. Family bathroom. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Rear garden with brick built workshop. Off-road parking for three vehicles. **EPC: E**

Hullbridge £269,995

Well maintained and deceptively spacious four bedroom detached family house. Large open plan lounge/dining room. 20' kitchen/breakfast room. Ground floor wlc. Family bathroom. Integrated garage with power and lighting. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. South facing rear garden. Off-street parking for multiple vehicles. Rural position backing onto fields. **EPC: D**

Westcliff - South of London Road £169,995

Three bedroom end terraced house in a central residential location. Living room. Kitchen. Ground floor cloakroom. Modern fitted bathroom suite. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Rear garden approximately 50'. Easy access to both Westcliff mainline railway station and Hamlet Court Road shopping centre. No onward chain. **EPC: C**

Southend on Sea £124,950

Two bedroom purpose built ground floor flat. Security entry phone system. Lounge overlooking gardens. Fitted kitchen area. Bathroom/w.c. Electric wall mounted heaters. Double glazed windows. Parking space. Lawned communal gardens. Ideal first time purchase or investment opportunity. Chain free. **EPC: C**

LETTINGS

CLIFFTOWN PARADE - £550 pcm

Immaculate ground floor ONE double bedroom flat close to the Cliff Gardens, Seafront, Town Centre and mainline railway station. Lounge with bay window: Fitted Kitchen: Bedroom with wardrobes: Central Heating: Available early January: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

THE PAVILIONS - £475 pcm

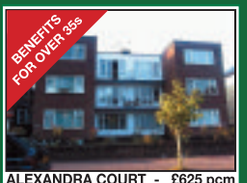
ONE double bedroom first floor apartment close to the Cliff Gardens, Town Centre, mainline railway stations and all local amenities. Security Entrance: Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Secure Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC C:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

PARK AVENUE - £750 pcm

Self contained TWO double bedroom apartment with SECURE ALLOCATED PARKING close to all amenities comprising of Sec Entrance: Lounge: Cloakroom: Quality Kitchen with appliances: Double Glazed and Central Heating: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets, Children or Smokers: Over 25s only. SS0 7PE: **EPC C:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

CLIFFTOWN PARADE - £950 pcm

TWO double bedoom top floor apartment with Panoramic Estuary views and located close to Southend Town Centre and all amenities: Security Entry System: Large Lounge: Modern Kitchen with appliances: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Parking: Available mid November: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D**: Admin fee £110.00 per adult



ALEXANDRA COURT - £625 pcm

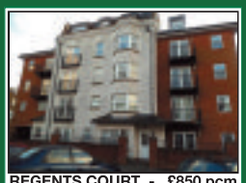
TWO double bedroom top floor apartment close to Southend Town Centre and all amenities. Large South facing Lounge with Balcony: Fitted Kitchen: Modern Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Available Mid December: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC E:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

AILSA ROAD - £795 pcm

Newly decorated TWO double bedroom maisonette arranged over two floor close to Hamlet Court Road shops: Large Lounge/Diner with Balcony: Modern fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Roof Terrace: Central Heating: Two Parking Spaces: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC C:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

LEIGH PARK ROAD - £850 pcm

PANORAMIC ESTUARY VIEWS: Newly decorated TWO double bedroom top foorapartment close to Leigh Station, Broadway and Seafront: Own Entrance Door: Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Central Heating: Doub Glazed: Private Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC D:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult



REGENTS COURT - £850 pcm

Immpressive THIRD floor TWO double bedroom apartment close to Town Centre and all amenities. Large Lounge with quality fitted Kitchen with built in appliances: Master bedroom with en-suite shower room: Lift: Allocated Private Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC TBC:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

WATERSEDGE - £750 pcm

Top floor TWO double bedroom apartment close to Hamlet Court Road shops and Westcliff mainline railway station. Security Entrance: Lounge with balcony and Estuary views: Modern fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with shower cubicle: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Parking: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 7RH: **EPC E:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

BEEDELL AVENUE - £625 pcm

Large TWO double bedroom first floor flat located close to London Road shops and Chalkwell Park: Lounge with stipped floors and feature bay window: Modern fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with Shower: Central Heating: Garden: Available Now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS0 9JU: **EPC D**

MARLBOROUGH PLACE - £1,100 pcm

IMMACULATE THREE double bedroom apartment in the heart of the Clifftown Conservation area. Video security system: Large Lounge: Kitchen/ Diner: Master Bedroom with en-suite: Balconies: Wooden Flooring: Central Heating: Garage: Available now: Unfurnished: No Pets: SS1 1HN: **EPC C:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

GREAT WAKERING - £1,100 pcm

Large THREE bedroom family home overlooking and backing open farm land in a semi-rural position close to local amenities. Lounge: Dining room: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Two double, One single bedroom: Garden: Parking: Available 1st March: Unfurnished: No Pets: **EPC E:** Admin fee £110.00 per adult

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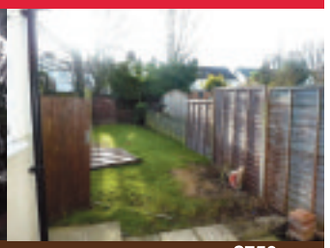

Southend-On-Sea £750pcm

A RARE FIND! PACE are delighted to offer this lovely example of a two bedroom garden flat. The property has its own front door with a SOUTH-BACKING garden with a patio area. Employed Applicants Only. Available Now.

New Instruction

Leigh-On-Sea £595

- One Double Bedroom
- Ground Floor Flat
- Parking Available
- Peaceful Location
- Neutral Decor
- Close to Amenities
- Employed Applicants
- Available Mid-Feb

New Price

Southend-On-Sea £625

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- 1st Floor
- Private Courtyard Gdn
- Neutrally Decorated
- GCH and DG
- Central Southend
- Employed Applicants
- Available 10th Feb

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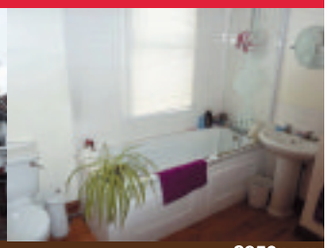
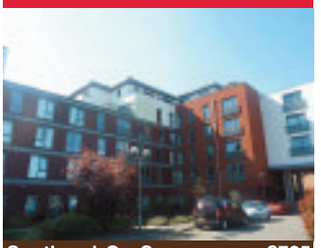


Leigh-On-Sea £850pcm

MEGA SIZED MAISONETTE. This two/three bedroom first and second floor maisonette is located in central Leigh-on-Sea and has a PRIVATE REAR GARDEN. The property is generously spacious and the decoration is neutral and there are neutral carpets throughout. Employed Applicants Only. Available 8th February.

New Instruction



Southend-On-Sea £725

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Ground Floor Flat
- Access to Small Courtyard
- Allocated Parking
- Modern Interior
- Walk to C2C Line
- Employed Applicants
- Available 25th Feb

New Instruction

Westcliff-On-Sea £775

- 2 Bedroom Flat
- Outstanding Finish
- Decked Rear Garden
- Bespoke Features
- DG and GCH
- One of a Kind
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

New Instruction

Southend-On-Sea £825

- 3 Bedroom House
- 2 Reception Rooms
- South Facing Garden
- Newly Decorated
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Temple Sutton Sch
- Dss Considered
- Available Now

New Instruction

Southend-On-Sea £850

- 2 Bedroom Apartment
- Master with Ensuite
- Close to Seafront
- Fully Redecorated
- Allocated Parking
- Lovely Kitchen
- Employed Applicants
- Available Now

New Instruction

Southend-On-Sea £875

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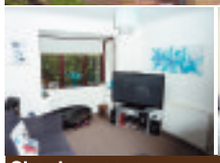

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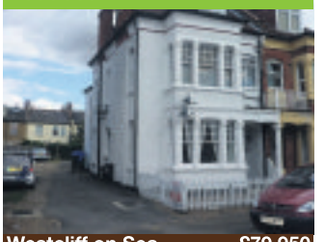

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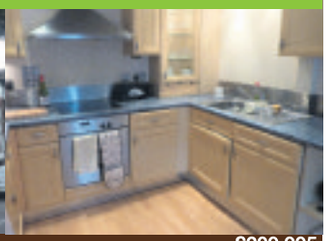

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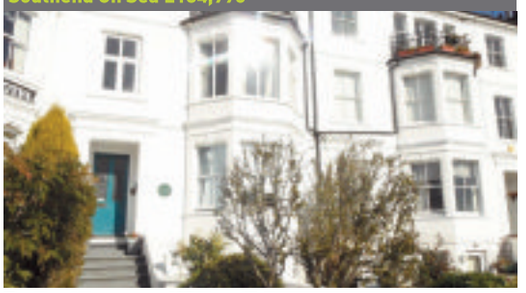
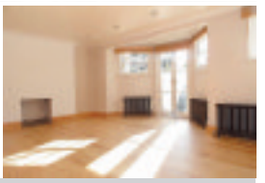
Superb breakfast room	Parking permits available

Southend On Sea £184,995

Spacious second floor purpose built apartment being will maintained with modern fixtures and fittings throughout. The property benefits from open plan living area including front and rear balconies. The property has two double bedrooms, main with en-suite shower room and wc as well as further bathroom/wc. The property is situated within the Clifftown Conservation Area borders within close proximity to cliff gardens, station and Town centre. No onward chain.

Southend On Sea £184,995





Being situated within the sought after Clifftown Conservation Area, close to town centre is this stunning lower ground floor apartment benefitting from a large lounge/diner and offering two good size bedrooms. There is a fitted kitchen and a spacious shower room with a separate wc and the property is offering no onward chain

Southend On Sea £139,950

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Leigh On Sea £650 pcm

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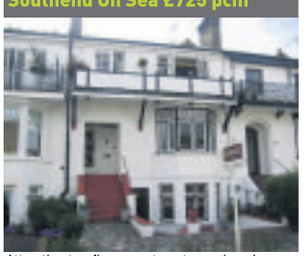
Southend On Sea £725 pcm



Attractive top floor apartment, spacious lounge, dining room/ third bedroom, two further bedrooms, bathroom/wc with shower cubicle, fitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob, integrated fridge, dishwasher, utility room, balcony with views towards Estuary, off street parking

Westcliff On Sea £1,200 pcm

Immaculate end of terrace family house being situated within sought after Milton Conservation Area and offering off street parking. This large property offers a large lounge opening onto dining room, modern fitted kitchen with integrated gas hob and electric oven, fridge/ freezer, dishwasher and comes with a freestanding washer/dryer. There is also a ground floor shower room, first floor landing offers split accommodation and consists of five bedrooms and a first floor bathroom/wc. There is a low maintenance rear garden and viewing is advised to appreciate the size of accommodation on offer. Professional tenants only , no sharers.

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by Ian Johnson

THE EURO DIET: The new Hyundai Santa Fe Style 2.2CRDi has been give an more European look which makes it less bulky

Santa loses weight

HYUNDAI has worked wonders with its latest Santa Fe SUV, endowing it with a thoroughly European look with a dash of style that can upstage some more expensive competitors.

The old Santa Fe, was a bit overblown in looks and, although it was an immensely capable vehicle, it sadly lacked that certain something. When buying a vehicle like this you really do have to look at how you want to use it. Many opt for the practicality and high driving position SUVs offer and, like other manufacturers, Hyundai has extended the range with a two-wheel-drive option.

Some critics have rubbished the idea of two-wheel-drive versions of 4x4s, but in my books they are wrong. If you like the style, the seating options, the higher driving position and the feeling of security these vehicles offer, then why not?

Many people buy them for normal use and I am sure a lot of 4x4 options which cost a big chunk of cash never even get their tyres muddy or their complex terrain options challenged.

The one I drove was the Style version, a five-seat two-wheel-drive equipped with a punchy 2.2 CRDi diesel engine and a neat six-speed manual gearbox.

This is exceptionally well priced at £25,850 and, when you consider that it is backed by a five-year warranty with unlimited mileage, the whole idea becomes far more attractive.

And you also have to consider specification. This model came with a laden raft of goodies including 18-inch alloys, rear spoiler with high-mounted brake light, electric driver's seat lumbar support, three-stage heated front seats, air conditioning, privacy glass, six speakers and cruise control to name but a few. The only extra on the car was metallic paint at £545.

On the road, the Santa Fe was a smooth and capable mover featuring nimble cornering with minimal body roll. It was one of those vehicles that ticks the boxes without making a lot of fuss. It is a big car but very well-proportioned with sweeping lines and a very European looking grille.

All-round visibility is good even with passengers in the back and the overall feel is of a competent five seater with ability. In essence it is a crossover SUV offering the versatility of a family hatchback with the practicality of a conventional SUV.

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by Mike Torpey

CAR production in Britain is at most prolific for six years, setting the UK on course to be the third largest car-maker in Europe.

The number of vehicles built last year topped 1.5 million – a rise of 3.1 per cent and the highest volume since 2007, according to the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). And industry analysts predict output to hit record levels of around two million in the next three years.

Business Secretary Vince Cable said: "Today's figures are another sign that the British car industry is going from strength to strength – with one vehicle rolling off a production line somewhere in the UK every 20 seconds. Our success lies in the appetite from countries around the world for British cars. Around 80 per cent of the 1.5 million cars we produced last year were exported – a testament to the diverse, high quality of British manufacturing.

"It also highlights the benefits of industry and the Government working together and we want to continue this partnership through a long-term strategy. This will give businesses the confidence to invest, speed up development on vehicles of the future and keep the UK as a world leader in cars.

"Our investment of £1 billion jointly with industry will help do this, while also delivering jobs and driving growth."

Since 2009, there has been a marked change in export destinations for British-built cars as the European market has struggled with tough economic conditions.

For instance China's Brit imports have grown rapidly over recent years, and the country now looks set to become the largest non-EU market for UK-built cars.

Take-up in the USA also remained strong last year, and while Russia has seen volumes fall since 2012, it is now firmly established as a key export destination.

SMMT chief Mike Hawes said: "UK automotive investment exceeded £2.5 billion in 2013, reinforcing industry analysts' suggestions that the UK could break all-time car output records within the next four years."

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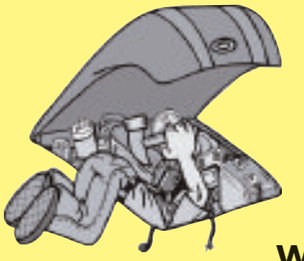

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Abdoulaye Faye of Hull City heads close in the first half-against Southend Utd

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Southend United

The FA Cup Fourth Round with Budweiser
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Rowland Lyons & Brian Jeeves reporting from Roots Hall Stadium

TWO second half goals from Matty Fryatt saw Barclays Premier League Hull City progress to the fifth round and end brave Southend United's run in this season's FA Cup.

Shrimpers manager Phil Brown described in his programme notes how he, along with his wife Karen and daughter Sophie, had danced around the kitchen on hearing the draw that pitted his former charges against his current employers. Indeed, the game captured the imagination of the locals with a season's best crowd of 10,250 packed inside Roots Hall.

Hull had the first opening when David Meyler found space outside the box but fired horribly high over the top. Nevertheless, it was to be a difficult opening period for the Tigers as Southend enjoyed the better chances.

Kevan Hurst centred for Will Atkinson as the Blues probed, but the Hull backline averted the danger, while Paul McShane had to react to his own mistake, clearing up as Anthony Straker lurked.

Southend continued to ask the lion's share of the questions. Mark Phillips headed Hurst's cross at Steve Harper. Then Southend went even closer as former Newcastle United keeper Harper was forced to tip over Barry Corr's stooping header from Ryan Leonard's bomb of a throw.

It seemed like only a matter of time before the home side would make the breakthrough. Ben Coker whipped in from the left, but Corr and Michael Timlin were unable to make contact, then Harper had to dash out to smother as Straker closed in.

Despite the Blues' dominance, there was no questioning Hull's Premiership quality. In fact they almost opened the scoring when George Boyd picked out Danny Graham only for Shrimper keeper Daniel Bentley thwart the former Sunderland man with a terrific one-on-one stop.

As the half drew to a close there was a sense that Hull were coming to terms with the home side's infectious endeavour. McShane headed Boyd's dead ball straight at Bentley while Luke Prosser made a timely interception as Matty Fryatt bore down on goal.

When the teams re-emerged, Southend continued to trouble their illustrious guests.

Maynor Figueroa cleared Straker's centre behind, and then came a mo ment that rocked Roots Hall to its very foundations.

The ball broke to Michael Timlin who drove forward before unleashing a venomous strike from more than 30 yards. Harper was rooted to the spot, but the busy midfielder's effort cannoned off the underside of the bar, Corr headed the rebounded straight into the grateful Hull keeper's gloves as the Premier Leaguers took a collective sigh of relief.

As the game wore on, the visitors' class started to show. Graham's low strike was smothered by Bentley, then the highly rated Southend keeper made an astonishing stop by adjusting his feet to knock away Meyler's deflected effort.

But just after the hour Southend were finally breached. Meyler played in Fryatt, who showed great composure before scoring, much to the delight of the visiting support.

Southend refused to lie down. Leonard's shot was charged down while Hurst saw another attempt repelled as the home side threw caution to what was now an extremely strong wind.

With the wet and blustery weather conditions worsening, Southend piled forward in an attempt to earn a replay. Harper clawed away Hurst's in-swinging free-kick, then Corr wasn't far away from reaching another centre, this time from Coker.

But as the game moved into stoppage time Hull finally put the tie out of reach. Fryatt cut in from the right before beating Prosser and firing across Bentley to grab his second of the afternoon and double the Tigers lead.

The goal was harsh on Southend who had given a wonderful account of themselves.

Southend United: Bentley, Thompson, Phillips, Prosser, Coker, Hurst, Leonard, Timlin (Woodrow 70), Straker (Payne 80), Atkinson, Corr (Eastwood 88) Subs not used: Smith, Laird, Clifford, Gomis

Hull City: Harper, Rosenior, Faye, McShane, Figueroa, Boyd, Meyler, Quinn (Bruce 88), Sagbo (Livermore 82), Graham (Brady 73), Fryatt Subs not used: McGregor, Davies, Koren, Elmohamady

What the managers said...

Phil Brown: "I am proud of the players. The final third was the difference between the two teams and [where] Hull showed a lot of class.

"Steve Harper saved from Barry Corr, and then we hit the bar and within minutes Hull go and score. It didn't fall for us today.

"Any defeat is a bitter pill to swallow, but you can draw a lot from the game, but our challenge now is to get out of the division".

Steve Bruce: "Southend were terrific and they gave us a hell of a cup-tie, and their lad will probably never hit a better shot that hit our crossbar and it could have been one of those great cup stories".

Hull boss Steve Bruce

Football

A flurry of goals for local fans

Non-league round up by Brian Jeeves

Despite the inclement weather once again affecting local football, there was a flurry of goal in the games that survived.

Leading the way was Canvey Island who shared six goals with Enfield Town in their Ryman Premier Division clash at Donkey Lane.

A Liam Hope penalty gave Town an early lead, but it was the second half when the game burst into life. Jason Hallett scored either side of a Jay Curran strike to give the Gulls a 3-1 lead with just six minutes to go. However, Hope added his second then deep into stoppage time Joe Stephens rescued a point for the home side.

There was a big derby at Rookery Hill where a healthy crowd of 306 turned out despite the wet and blustery conditions to see East Thurrock United entertain AFC Hornchurch. Two first half goals from Stefan Payne put the Urchins in control before Jack Hopkins pulled one back for the Rocks after the break.

In the Ryman North, Paul Clayton and Ryan Imbert found the net as Romford eased their relegation fears by winning 2-0 at Chatham Town, while Witham Town went down 2-0 at Harlow Town. Leon Antoine and Junior Dadson scoring for the Millers.

Two Essex Senior League games started, but only one finished. Tittle challengers Great Wakering Rovers and Enfield 1893 shared the spoils in an entertaining affair at Burroughs Park. John Bricknell fired Enfield ahead with an early penalty, but goals from Aaron Baldwin and Nick Skelton turned the game on its head in favour of the Rovers. Bricknell added his second to earn the visitors a point, the result leaves both clubs behind leaders Tower Hamlets who won 3-0 at Ilford on Thursday night.

The other ESL game saw Barking grab a 69th minute lead against FC Romania at Mayesbrook Park, James Barlow the Blues scorer. But with ten minutes remaining the referee had no option other than to abandon the match amid a thunderstorm.

A number of games survived in the Essex Olympian League. Biggest winners of the day were Second Division Basildon Town who triumphed 6-0 at Ryan FC. Marcus Bowers (3), Tommy Barton, Reece Conway and Mark Sanders found the net for Town.

Cricket

Topley injured

ESSEX'S Reece Topley is currently recovering from a lower back injury the left arm bowler picked up whilst on the England Performance Programme in Australia in December.

The injury kept him out of possible selection for the upcoming England Lions tour of Sri Lanka, with the 19 year-old now staying in the UK to focus on his recovery ahead of the pre season schedule.

Essex Cricket's Lead Physiotherapist Chris Clarke-Irons said: "Reece is currently undergoing rehabilitation following a lower back injury; we hope he will be fully fit for the start of the 2014 season."

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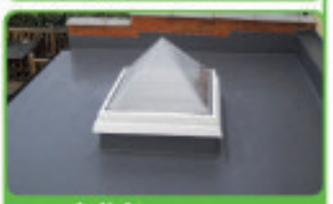
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